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## *Letter of Condolence*

To The Family Of

*Richard Brooks*

October 29, 2000

As Mayor of the District of Columbia, I wish to express sorrow at the loss of your loved one – Richard Brooks.

Each of us has the opportunity to touch the lives of others. Richard managed to lend his talent, energy and spirit to many. He was a political pioneer who was involved with his community, church, and family. Richard's unconditional love for people will never be forgotten and especially to his family and friends. He will be missed, but his memories will be a light for those who knew and loved him.

Those we love must some day pass  
Beyond our present sight...  
And leave us the world we know  
Without their radiant light.

But we know that like a candle  
Their lovely light will shine...  
To brighten up another place  
More perfect – More divine.

Richard has passed this realm to heaven  
Where he shines so warm and bright.  
Our loved ones live forever more  
In God's eternal light.

On behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia, may the peace of God embrace you and His love be your constant source of strength.

Anthony A. Williams  
Mayor, District of Columbia

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